

***Village of Barrington  
Plan Commission  
DRAFT Special Minutes Summary***

Date: June 7, 2005

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Village Board Room  
200 South Hough Street  
Barrington, Illinois

In Attendance: Anna Bush, Chairperson  
Ruth Schlossberg, Vice Chairperson  
Harry Burroughs, Commissioner  
Richard Ehrle, Commissioner  
John Patsey, Commissioner  
Daniel Hogan, Commissioner  
Ed McCauley, Commissioner

Staff Members: Jeff O'Brien, Planner/Zoning Coordinator

***Call to Order***

Ms. Bush called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Roll call noted the following: Anna Bush, Chairperson, present; Ruth Schlossberg, Vice Chair, present; Harry Burroughs, present; Ed McCauley, present; Richard Ehrle, present, John Patsey, absent; Daniel Hogan, present.

There being a quorum, the meeting proceeded.

***Chairperson's Remarks***

Ms. Bush announced the order of proceedings.

***Old Business***

**PC 05-04** Barrington Park District, 511 Lake Zurich Road (Planned Development Amendment)  
**Petitioner:** Barrington Park District

Don Matthews, from Gewalt Hamilton, updated the commission on a revision to the petition. The road along Peppers Construction was previously proposed to include curbs and gutters. The proposal has changed to a more rural paved road with gravel along the sides.

Steve Trippon, consultant from WT Engineering, stated that 400 watt metal halide lighting will be installed along the roadway as well as the parking lot. The lighting fixtures will be approximately eighteen (18) feet high. Along the walkway twelve and a half (12 ½) lighting structures will be installed. The tennis and basketball courts will have lighting which will be on timers. Some of the lighting in the park will be left on twenty-four hours for security purposes.

Mr. Burroughs asked if the old Jewel Tea lighting fixtures will be installed along Lake Zurich Road.

Mr. Lelonde replied that due to the limited quantity of the original light structures, they will not be able to use them. The lights will be donated to the Barrington Historical Society. Lighting will not be installed along Lake Zurich Road and village staff is in agreement.

Mr. Burroughs asked if lighting will be installed on Lake Zurich Road after the reconfiguration. He would like to see lighting along the road.

Mr. Trippon replied there will be no lighting on the new road. The lighting height and the lighting spillover exceeds village ordinance which the petitioner is asking approval for. Pepper has approved the spillover and has signed off on the agreement.

Mr. Burroughs asked if the area in question is wooded.

Mr. Trippon replied no.

Ms. Bush asked for staff comment on the lighting along Lake Zurich Road.

Mr. O'Brien deferred to John Heinz, Public Works Director for staff comment.

Mr. Heinz stated that the existing lights are older and lighting in residential areas is installed only upon requested. Along Route 14, the existing IDOT lights will remain.

Mr. Burroughs stated that there should be lights installed along the curve.

Mr. Heinz replied the curve is not extreme enough to warrant additional lighting.

Mr. Ehrle asked why there is no lighting near the access entrances.

Mr. Lelonde replied that there will be lighting installed at the access entrances, however, there will be no lighting on the public roads.

Ms. Bush asked the Director of Public Works why there will not be additional lighting along Lake Zurich Road.

Mr. Heinz replied that none of the village roads have additional lighting.

Mr. Ehrle stated that if the sidewalk is open, the road should have lighting.

Mr. Heinz replied if the sidewalk were to be lit, they would require extra lighting.

Ms. Bush asked for staff comment.

Mr. O'Brien stated that the access road along Peppers Construction is acceptable. Staff received a report from the Environmental Consultant regarding the pond and the village consultant is in agreement with the petitioner's report. Staff met with the Park District and they have agreed to enter into a second intergovernmental agreement regarding the installation of a sidewalk. Staff received a letter from Peppers Construction and they have no issues with the spillover lighting from the park. Regarding the reconfiguration of Lake Zurich Road were to be extended to the library, an island will be created at the intersection for detention. Staff recommends that the lighting around the tennis and basketball courts be turned off at 10:00 p.m.

Ms. Bush asked if this referred to parking lot lighting.

Mr. O'Brien responded no, only to the basketball and tennis court lighting. Mr. O'Brien introduced Tom Adomshick from James J. Benes and Associates, village traffic consultant.

Mr. Adomshick reviewed the traffic proposal and is agreement with the recommendations.

Mr. O'Brien stated that this is the end of staff's comments and reiterated that they do recommend approval of the petition with the conditions specified on May 24, 2005.

Ms. Bush swore in anyone from the audience who wished to speak.

*Mr. Winston Duke, 132 Walton Street*

Mr. Duke thanked Terri Jennings for working on this project. He is in favor of this project however; he would like to see public access to Jewel Lagoon, the North and South bridge and the pedestrian underpass. Mr. Duke would like to see the Park District not sell the property to the Lake County Forest unless these conditions are met.

Ms. Bush asked where the north and south gateways are located.

Mr. Duke pointed to the diagrams for reference.

Ms. Bush asked Mr. Duke if he is against the proposal.

Mr. Duke stated he is not against the proposal, but he believes the bridges should be included for connection.

*Al Sabo, 585 Jewel Park*

Mr. Sabo stated that he is concerned with the noise associated with the current design. With the reconfiguration of Lake Zurich Road, the noise and the car lights will spill into the subdivision. Mr. Sabo would like to see some type of buffer between the road and the subdivision. A second concern is the amphitheater. He is concerned with the increase noise. Mr. Sabo is asking for a restriction on the amplification of noise from the theater.

Ms. Bush noted that there is a train which travels along the subdivision property.

Mr. Sabo replied that there are tracks along the subdivision, but the trains that use the tracks are very infrequent.

Mr. Ehrle asked if the railroad tracks are elevated.

Mr. Sabo replied yes, however, they will not block their view of the park.

*Emily Scoby, 225 Lindon Road*

Ms. Scoby commented that Elm Road has already becoming a thru-road. She felt that with the inclusion of the park, it will only get worse. She is asking that the road be accessible only for emergencies.

Mr. McCauley asked the petitioner what was the status on discussions with the park district.

Ms. Scoby replied that the park district advised the residents to attend the meeting.

Mr. McCauley asked if the public safety committee made any recommendations to staff.

Ms. Scoby replied none that she knew of.

*Maggie Goodwin, 640 Elm Road*

Ms. Goodwin stated her concerns with the traffic on Elm Road. There is already significant traffic from cars using the subdivision as a cut-thru and with the inclusion of the park, the traffic will be increased. There are a lot of children in the subdivision and many walk to school. Ms. Goodwin stated that her family moved from a different neighborhood in Barrington to Jewel subdivision because of the same situation where a park was installed and the traffic from the park posed safety concerns. While she is not against the park, she would like to see Elm Road available for emergency vehicles only.

Mr. Don Pearson, 620 Elm Road

Mr. Pearson commented that while all of his children are grown, he is aware that there are many children in the subdivision. Mr. Pearson is concerned with the traffic and is worried that someone will get hurt.

Ms. Bush asked if anyone else from the public wished to speak, there was none.

Ms. Jantori stated that some of the figures Mr. Duke provided were incorrect and that all meeting with the forest preserve were open to the public. Ms. Jantori asked their architect to address Mr. Sabo's comments.

Mr. Lelonde advised that there will be evergreen trees planted along to buffer the lighting and the noise from the park to the residents.

Ms. Bush asked how many trees will be installed and how tall will they be.

Mr. Lelonde advised approximately thirty (30) trees which will be eight (8) feet high when planted and will grow to twenty (20) to thirty (30) feet at maturity.

Mr. McCauley asked how long the trees will take to mature.

Mr. Lelonde replied approximately ten (10) to twenty (20) years.

Ms. Schlossberg asked if fencing could provide buffering.

Mr. Lelonde replied that the fencing would not provide any more buffering than the trees to be installed.

Ms. Jennings stated that the band shell will only hold fifty (50) to seventy-five (75) people. Almost all of the entertainment would include storytellers, folk players.

Ms. Bush asked if a time limit could be imposed.

Ms. Jennings replied that they will follow the village noise ordinance. Ms. Jennings addressed Mr. Duke's concerns. Ms. Jennings noted that they are working with the Lake County Forest Preserve to allow access into Cuba Marsh. Ms. Jennings advised that there was a low demand from residents requesting to use the pond for recreational activities.

Mr. Hogan asked how children on the other side of Lake Zurich Road will access the park. Mr. Hogan asked what activities will occur on the fields.

Ms. Jennings advised that there will be sidewalks and a traffic light installed to allow residents to cross. The fields will be used for soccer playing, projects, etc.

Mr. McCauley asked Ms. Jennings about the donation of property to Lake County Forest Preserve.

Ms. Jantori stated that responses from the residents requested access into Cuba Marsh.

Mr. McCauley asked if once the parcel is given to the forest preserve, will this site ever be able to be available for public use.

Ms. Jantori replied it would depend on the funds. Resident's response directed the park district to keep this as open space.

Mr. McCauley asked if traffic enforcement has been included in the traffic plan at Elm Road for special events.

Ms. Jantori replied that traffic enforcement would be a staff issue.

Mr. Burroughs asked if the funds received from the purchase of the lagoon could be used for the connection.

Ms. Jantori replied that this would be encouraged.

Ms. Schlossberg asked if the board could make a recommendation that park district include the bridges in their agreement or make a recommendation to include the bridges in the sale.

Ms. Jantori replied that she would have some concerns with including this in the sale.

Ms. Bush asked if the board could make a recommendation to have the Park District install lighting along Lake Zurich Road.

Mr. O'Brien replied that the park district could install the lights, however, the Village of Barrington would be responsible for maintaining the lights.

Mr. Hogan asked about the status of the easement.

Ms. Jantori replied that both parties are still in discussions on the approval of the easement, however, the park district has no issues with the easement agreement.

Ms. Jennings advised that she will recommend to the board to acquire funds for the bridge to access the forest preserve. The pond will be sold to the forest preserve which they will maintain. The first objective is to build a park and then they will address the bridge per the resident's request.

Mr. Brinkman addressed the traffic concerns. He doesn't believe that the inclusion of the park will increase traffic and the traffic concern is a separate issue from the park proposal. The traffic from this park will be dramatically different from neighboring parks in that the related parks are more active parks with softball fields and other playing fields.

Mr. Hogan stated his concerns with the cut-thru traffic during special events and is there a way to quantify the numbers of cars who may be use Elm Road.

Mr. Brinkman replied there is no way to get a number.

Mr. Ehrle asked if there is any alternate reconfiguration possible for Lake Zurich Road.

Mr. Brinkman advised that studies have been ongoing for years and he believes there this route is the most viable way.

Mr. McCauley asked if traffic control could be available for Elm Road for special events.

Mr. O'Brien advised that they could address this after a special event has occurred.

Mr. McCauley asked why the Pepper Construction road is barricaded during special events and not Elm Road.

Mr. O'Brien advised that the Park District chose to barricade the Pepper Construction access road.

Mr. McCauley asked if the village has a traffic control plan for special events.

Mr. O'Brien responded that the Park District can request traffic enforcement for special event.

Ms. Bush asked if staff has any final comments.

Mr. O'Brien addressed Mr. Ehrle's question regarding the reconfiguration of Lake Zurich Road. There is a global traffic plan in connection with the Garlands and Peppers. The plan will include the connection of Lake Zurich Road with the traffic light at Berry Road.

Mr. Ehrle asked for clarification on staff's comments on connecting Lake Zurich Road to Berry Road.

Mr. O'Brien provided clarification using the presented plan.

Ms. Bush asked for the commission's comments.

Mr. McCauley noted resident's concerns with the traffic on Elm Road and he doesn't feel that any decisions can be made as to whether the Road should be closed.

Mr. Ehrle stated his concerns with the lighting on Lake Zurich Road and reiterated his concerns with Lake Zurich Road.

Mr. Burroughs stated his concerns with the buffering and traffic at the Jewel Park subdivision. He would like to see some provisions included to make the bridges a reality.

Mr. Hogan noted the traffic concerns at Elm Road and felt this issue will require close observation. He did not feel the approval should not be hinged on the Cuba connection.

Ms. Schlossberg felt that provisions should be included regarding lighting along Lake Zurich Road and for the bridge connections.

Ms. Bush thanked the Park District and staff for their hard work. She would like to see some additional lighting along Lake Zurich Road and asked the park district to be a good neighbor in making sure that the trees to be installed provided sufficient buffering.

Ms. Bush asked for a motion.

*Ms. Schlossberg made a motion to approve PC 05-04 subject to staff conditions in the May 24, 2005 report, modified on June 7, 2005 and the Plan Commission's recommendations that the park district will install lighting along Lake Zurich Road and to be maintained by the village. Mr. Burroughs seconded the motion.*

*Roll Call Vote:*

*Mr. Burroughs -yes*

*Mr. Ehrle - yes*

*Ms. Schlossberg -yes*

*Ms. Bush - yes*

*Mr. Hogan -yes*

*Mr. McCauley -yes*

*Motion carried.*

*Ms. Schlossberg made a recommendation to the village board and the public safety committee to acknowledge the concerns of the Jewel Park residents and urges the village board and the public safety committee to take these concerns into consideration in regard to the Elm Road traffic. Mr. Ehrle seconded the motion.*

*Roll Call Vote:*

*Mr. Burroughs -yes*

*Mr. Ehrle - yes*

*Ms. Schlossberg -yes*

*Ms. Bush - yes*

*Mr. Hogan -yes*

*Mr. McCauley -yes*  
*Motion carried.*

*Mr. McCauley recommended a motion for the Village Board to consider a condition restricting the transfer of the property to include the connections to the Cuba Marsh. Mr. Burroughs seconded the motion.*

Ms. Schlossberg commented that she doesn't believe that the commission should include this condition.

Mr. Hogan concurred with Ms. Schlossberg.

Mr. McCauley withdrew his motion. Mr. Burroughs withdrew his second.

*Mr. McCauley recommended that the Village Board and the Park District strongly encourage the connection between the proposed park and the Cuba Marsh when negotiating with the forest preserve when making future plans for the property. Mr. Burroughs second the motion.*

*Roll Call Vote:*  
*Mr. Burroughs -yes*  
*Mr. Ehrle - yes*  
*Ms. Schlossberg -yes*  
*Ms. Bush - yes*  
*Mr. Hogan -yes*  
*Mr. McCauley -yes*  
*Motion carried.*

***New Business***  
None

***Approval of Minutes***  
*Mr. Burroughs made a motion to approve the minutes of May 10, 2005 and May 21, 2005 as presented.*  
*Mr. Hogan seconded. Voice vote recorded all ayes. Motion carried..*

***Planner's Report***  
Mr. O'Brien provided information on future cases.

***Adjournment***  
Mr. McCauley moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hogan seconded the motion. Voice note recorded all ayes. The motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paula Emerson  
Recording Secretary

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Anna Bush, Chairperson  
Plan Commission